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SUBJECT: SLOW START ON REFUGEE PAROLE PROGRAM IN ARGENTINA

STATE FOR S/HA, VO AND ARA

1. FOUR WEEKS AFTER APPLICANTS FOR THIS PROGRAM WERE SOLICITED THROUGH THE LOCLA UNHCR OFFICE, THE EMBASSY HAD RECEIVED ONLY 32 CASES, OF WHICH ONLY 8 HAD COMPLETED FORMS. ON DEC 29 EMBOFFS MET WITH REPS OF UNHCR AND OFFICE OF COORDINATOR OF SOCIAL ACTION. (COORDINATOR IS OPERATING AGENT FOR UNHCR AND MADE UP OF VOLUNTARY AGENCIES WHO DO SCREENING OF REFUGEES.) OUR QUESTION WAS WHY HAD ONLY 32 CASES BEEN PRESENTED WHEN UNHCR CLAIMS THERE ARE 10,000 REFUGEES IN ARGENTINA, MOST OF WHOM WISH RESETTLEMENT ELSEWHERE?

2. THIRTEEN CASES WITH COMPLETED FORMS WERE GIVEN TO EMBASSY AT BEGINNING OF MEETING.

3. EMBOFFS RAISED QUESTION OF WHETHER ENOUGH REFUGEES DESIRED TO RESETTLE IN US; MULLER OF UNHCR HAD TOLD DCM PREVIOUSLY THAT REFUGEES REQUIRED CONSELING BEFORE THEY WOULD APPLY FOR US
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PROGRAM. RESPONSE WAS THAT IT WAS NOT QUESTION OF COUNSELING, BUT OF TIME FOR REFUGEE GRAPEVINE TO PASS WORD AMONG THE HIGHLY SUSPICIOUS AND ANXIOUS REFUGEES THAT US PROGRAM WAS GENUINE OPPORTUNITY WITHOUT RISKS. REP OF COORDINATOR SAID HE CONFIDENT THEY COULD OBTAIN 400 CANDIDATES, OF WHICH 200 SHOULD SURVIVE DELAYS AND SCREENING PROCESS. WE OBSERVED THAT 400 CANDIDATES WAS SMALL NUMBER FOR REPORTEDLY DESPERATE REFUGEE POPULATION

OF TEN THOUSAND.

4. WHEN ASKED WHAT WOULD DISQUALIFY HALF OF 400 APPLICANTS, COORDINATOR REPS SAID IT WOULD BE COMBINATION OF INELIGIBILITY ON POLITICAL GROUNDS, ON GROUNDS THAT HUSBANDS AND/OR WIFE'S MARRIAGE TO "PREVIOUS" SPOUSE HAS NOT RPT NOT BEEN LEGALLY TERMINATED, AND ON NATIONALITY GROUNDS. IT APPEARED THAT THE NATIONALITY BARRIER APPLIED TO PARAGUAYAN REFUGEES, MANY OF WHOM WISH TO EMIGRATE TO THE US. WE WERE TOLD VIRTUALLY ALL BOLIVIAN REFUGEES WERE COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERS, CONSEQUENTLY INELIGIBLE.

5. WITH REGARD TO OUTLOOK FOR FLOW OF APPLICATNS, UNHCR AND COORDINATOR REPS SAID THEY EXPECTED IN NEAR FUTURE TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE EMBASSY WITH 20 CASES PER WEEK. THIS WAS BASED ON THEIR INTERVIEWING AND FILLING OUT FORMS FOR FIVE APPLICANTS PER DAY IN THEIR FOUR-DAY WORK WEEK. THEY INSISTED THEY, NOT APPLICANT, MUST CONTROL FILLING OUT FORMS, TO ASSURE INFORMATION IS CONSISTENT WITH THAT IN THEIR FILES.

6. EMOBOFFS WILL BE MEETING THIS WEEK WITH CANADIAN EMBASSY CONSULAR AND IMMIGRATION OFFICERS. WE ARE TOLD THAT AFTER PROCESSING ABOUT 1000 REFUGEE IMMIGRANTS THEY ARE HAVING TROUBLE FINDING ACCEPTABLE CANDIDATES FOR THE REMAINING 1000 QUOTA.

7. UNTIL WE HAVE A FEW MORE WEEKS EXPERIENCE WITH THIS PROGRAM AND THE FLOW OF APPLICANTS FOR IT, WE HESITATE TO JUMP TO ANY CONCLUSIONS ABOUT HOW MUCH TIME AND DIFFICULTY WILL BE INVOLVED IN PROCESSING 200 CASES. BASED ON WHAT WE KNOW NOW, BELIEVE DEPT SHOULD CONSIDER ALLOCATING 30-50 OF 200 NUMBERS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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